



Staff Report

ONE-YEAR STATUS REPORT ON BELMONT LIBRARY PARKING

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

City Council requested a status report in one year on the parking at the Belmont Library.

Background

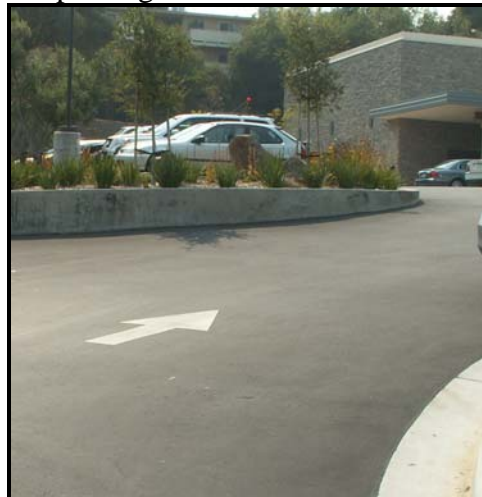
The Belmont Library opened its doors for business in April 2006. Shortly after opening, staff began receiving complaints of unsafe traffic flow, restricted sight distance and parking concerns from residents and Library patrons.

Discussion

The remainder of this report will outline the steps taken within the past year to address and improve parking at the Belmont Library.

In response to the complaints, staff immediately met with the Police Department and librarians to discuss solutions to the traffic safety concerns. All concerned agreed that additional directional signage was necessary, along with passive traffic enforcement.

On Wednesday, October 25th, two one-way arrows were striped on the parking lot in order to direct a better and safer flow of traffic in and out of the parking lot.





One-way traffic signage was also ordered and installed in the parking lot entrance and center island.

According to the Library Branch Manager, Police Department and Public Works Department, the steps discussed in this report have addressed the complaints of unsafe traffic flow and restricted sight distance concerns previously raised by the residents and Library patrons. Nonetheless, staff will continue to closely monitor any concerns that are reported.

The Library continues to be a popular destination in the community. A companion effort to look at additional parking on Alameda de las Pulgas is in process. To the extent that additional parking can be created near the Library would benefit the patrons and users of the adjacent Belameda Park, particularly for special events.

General Plan/Vision Statement

No impact.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

Public Contact

Posting of City Council agenda.

Recommendation

No recommendation. For information purposes only.

Alternatives

1. Accept report as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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